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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND BURKE

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The Westside Cities Council of Governments (Westside Cities COG) is a joint powers authority comprising the Cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Los Angeles, Santa Monica and West Hollywood who have come together in a voluntary cooperative effort to achieve consensus on policies and programs of regional significance. The WSCCOG provides a forum for discussion and communication as well as formalized representation and advocacy on behalf of the Westside subregion with regional, state and federal agencies.

Priority issues for the Westside Cities COG include economic health, transportation and improved mobility, environmental and land use issues, housing, homelessness, and social services, emergency preparedness and homeland security. The Westside Cities COG provides a forum for the five member cities to discuss, develop and implement strategies to address these subregional issues and enhance the quality of life for the over 593,000 Los Angeles County residents living in the Westside Cities area.

Since it is critical that cities and the County work collaboratively and in concert with one another in the development of subregional policies and plans that will affect the Westside Cities residents, the Westside Cities COG has requested the County of Los Angeles to become an official member of the joint powers authority.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chief

Executive Officer to:

1. Consult with the Westside Cities COG in the development of an amendment to the Westside Cities COG Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to include the County of Los Angeles as an official member of the WSCCOG, with Supervisor Yaroslavsky as the Board's Delegate and Supervisor Burke as Alternate Delegate to represent the County on the WSCCOG.
2. Identify a funding source to pay the Westside Cities COG's annual dues which are \$15,000 per member for FY 2007-08.
3. Report back with the proposed amendment to the JPA, and recommended funding for the FY 2007-08 annual dues within 45 days for the Board's consideration.